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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BP EXPLORATION UNIT PLAN OF OPERATIONS AMENDMENT**  
**NORTH SLOPE GRAVEL PAD EXPANSION**

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas (DOG), has received a Unit Plan of Operations amendment application from BP Exploration Alaska, Inc. (BPXA), P.O. Box 196612, Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6612, to expand a facility pad in the Prudhoe Bay Unit on State of Alaska lands (LONS 69-026). DOG is providing public notice and an opportunity to comment under 38.05.035(e)(1)(C)(ii).

**Location:** Umiat Meridian, Township 11N, Range 13E, Section: 35

**Project Description:** BPXA proposes to expand the gravel pad at A Pad in the Prudhoe Bay Unit, approximately 18 miles west of Pump Station 1, between August 2012 and August 2013. The purpose of the project is to increase the pad size by 0.80 acres in order to accommodate drill rig access and movement, due to larger rigs on-site than previously used at the time of the original pad construction. BPXA proposes the following activities in conjunction with the pad expansion: 1) Placing approximately 9,500 cubic yards (0.80 acres) of gravel off the existing pad, on to the tundra. 2) Gravel will be spread by equipment working on the existing pad, requiring no tundra travel. 3) The gravel will come from permitted sources. The application meets all of the requirements of 11 AAC 83.346.

The application package is available for review at the Division of Oil and Gas, Permitting Section, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 800, Anchorage, or online at <http://www.dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Permitting/Permitting.htm#permittingnotices>.

Please send your comments to Amy G. Karn by e-mail, at [amy.karn@alaska.gov](mailto:amy.karn@alaska.gov), or by mail to the above address. **The deadline for comments is 4:30 p.m. on August 20, 2012**

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